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**LAWRENCE, MA SUPPLIER OF N.H. LAKES REGION "CRACK" COCAINE RING
ENTERS GUILTY PLEA TO FEDERAL DISTRIBUTION CHARGES**

Re: United States v. Junior PAULINO

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE: United States Attorney Tom Colantuono and N.H. State Police Colonel Gary Sloper announced that **Junior PAULINO**, date of birth 2/22/71, of Lawrence, Massachusetts, was convicted on September 2, 2003 on crack cocaine distribution charges.

According to the affidavit accompanying a federal criminal complaint issued by U.S. Magistrate Judge James Muirhead on April 4, 2003, PAULINO was the Massachusetts-based source of supply to a three-person drug distribution network that sold "crack" cocaine to an informant working with the N.H. State Police Narcotics Investigation Unit in the Lakes Region during January and February, 2003. Previously convicted in the case were John SWAIN of Northfield, NH, Christopher LANGILL, formerly of Belmont, NH, and Mark CAMIRE of Belmont, NH.

PAULINO entered a guilty plea before U.S. District Judge Paul J. Barbadoro to an information charging him with possession with intent to distribute cocaine base, aka "crack" cocaine. Judge Barbadoro detained PAULINO without bail pending his sentencing hearing scheduled for December 15, 2003. He faces a potential maximum sentence of 40 years imprisonment.

U.S. Attorney Colantuono stated, "My office is committed not only to aggressively prosecuting drug traffickers operating in Manchester and New Hampshire's other larger cities, but also those importing illegal drugs into smaller communities like those in the Lakes Region. The State Police Narcotics Investigation Unit conducted a thorough and aggressive investigation in this case, and these convictions stand as a prime example of the effectiveness of cooperative efforts between federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies in combating the disastrous impact of crack cocaine on our communities and their residents."

The conviction resulted from an investigation by the N.H. State Police Narcotics Investigation Unit. The prosecution is being handled by Assistant United States Attorney Joseph N. Laplante, the Lead Attorney for the District of New Hampshire in the New England Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force ("New England OCDEF").